

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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### **Youth Headlines**

**NYEC Seeks Applicants for WIA Leaders Academy.** The U.S. Department of Labor has funded the National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC) to conduct a second **Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Leaders Academy** in 2002-2003. Closely modeled after NYEC's New Leaders Academy, the WIA Leaders Academy is designed specifically for mid-level professionals who are staff of Workforce Investment Boards and agencies and solely or primarily responsible for Workforce Investment Act youth programs. Up to 30 applicants will be selected through a competitive process to participate in the program.

**Goals:** The WIA Leaders Academy's objectives are: 1) to improve participants' leadership and managerial skills; 2) to expand participants' outlook and understanding of national youth policy issues; 3) to increase participants' understanding of youth employment and youth development principles and effective practices; 4) to expose participants to current methods for continuous improvement in youth employment programming; and 5) to expand participants' organizational and professional networks.

**Format:** The WIA Leaders Academy will combine two group residential training sessions with individually tailored, experiential assignments.

**Cost:** Through the U.S. Department of Labor grant, NYEC covers the costs of instruction, materials, lodging and meals during two training sessions, and honorariums for faculty and advisors. WIA Leaders' employing organizations will be responsible for the cost of travel to and from the training sessions.

**How to apply:** Qualified individuals can apply by completing and returning the application to NYEC **no later than August 23, 2002**. Applications will be available online the week of July 3 at [www.nyec.org/wialeaders.html](http://www.nyec.org/wialeaders.html).

**For more information:** Contact either Mindy Larson ([ml@nyec.org](mailto:ml@nyec.org)), or Mala B. Thakur ([mt@nyec.org](mailto:mt@nyec.org)) at NYEC, (202) 659-1064.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Youth Opportunity Case Management Workshops to be Held October 1 – 4 (Brockton, MA); October 8 – 11 (Seattle, WA).** The Office of Youth Services, in collaboration with the Brockton, MA and Seattle YO! sites, will host two three-and-a-half day workshops on Case Management. The workshops will combine site visits, content sessions and hands-on activities designed to train staff on developing a good case management system. Participants will learn how to develop and use the ISS (Individual Service Strategy) as a "road map" to move a young person through a sequence of appropriate youth development services and activities. Training will emphasize how case managers can serve more as a "coach" and engage the member in setting goals for their Individual Service Plan (ISP) and monitoring their own progress. **Intended Audience:**

Each Youth Opportunity Grant site should plan to send two participants--the lead case manager and someone who oversees the system. The workshop will be designed as a "train the trainer model." Participants are expected to share the information and training with other case managers and relevant staff at their site. For more information, contact Anne Stom, (202) 693-3377 or email: [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

**Registration Opens for 4th Annual National PEPNet Institute September 12 - 13 in Washington, DC. REGISTER NOW** for the National Youth Employment Coalition's (NYEC) 4th Annual Promising and Effective Practices Network (PEPNet) Institute and 7th annual PEPNet Award Ceremony, September 12-13, 2002 in Washington, D.C. This year's Institute will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. Interactive workshops will highlight effective programs and practices in the fields of youth employment and youth development. Pre-conference events include a session on WIA Reauthorization and Washington Policy Update on September 11. Register online at: [http://www.nyec.org/pepnet\\_institute.htm](http://www.nyec.org/pepnet_institute.htm).

**Third annual Region 5 Youth Development Conference--October 16-18, 2002 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago in Chicago, Illinois.** US DOL/ETA Region V will hold its 3rd Annual Youth Development Conference in Chicago, IL, October 16-18, 2002. The conference workshops focus on a range of topics and issues of interest to officials, program operators, youth service providers and others engaged in operating or administering youth employment programs. For more information, see: <http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg05/Documents/ydcsavethedate.pdf>.

### **Program Spotlight**

**Hui Malama Job Program Helps Brighten Young Hopes.** The June 14 issue of the *Honolulu Advertiser* profiles the Hui Malama Youth Employment Program at the Susannah Wesley Community Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. The O'ahu Workforce Investment Board is funding the program with federal funds available through the Workforce Investment Act.

The Center offers a range of youth development programs and services to help young people prepare to enter and succeed in their careers. Highlights of the Center activities include a free 13-week course that provides low-income and out-of-school young people with job training, leadership development and competency-based high school diploma classes. The Center also collaborates with Parents and Children Together, Hale Kipa Inc., KEY Project, and Human Resources Solutions Inc. on a project that "prepares the students for entering the work force by setting up simulated interviews with local companies and career shadowing." A young woman, one of 109 youth, ages 14-21, who participated in the latest round of the 13-week course, said, "the program allowed her to accompany a lawyer at a domestic violence center for a week in May as part of the Hui Malama Employment Program. The young woman now plans to attend Honolulu Community College, majoring in family law. You can read the full article on line at: <http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2002/Jun/14/ln/ln07a.html>

**Painting Success at Baltimore YO!** On June 26, 2002, 16 young adults from Baltimore's Youth Opportunity (YO!) Program will graduate from an eight-week training to become industrial painters. They will start working at jobs earning \$10 per hour the following Monday, July 1. Mr. Gilbert Dicus, Jr., a Baltimore area entrepreneur and his colleagues have joined with the Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Employment Development, Youth Opportunity Movement to deliver a customized training program for an industry always looking for workers—industrial and commercial paintings. This intensive training taught participants industrial painting basics, from spray painting to sandblasting. What makes this story special? "Many of our participants have dropped out of school, read below an 8<sup>th</sup> grade level and frankly haven't completed anything in years," shared Youth Opportunity Area Director, Ernest Dorsey. "For the first time in their lives, they will be able to earn a living and support

themselves. This program offers them a realistic opportunity for success in life." **For more information, contact Jannette Witmyer, Communications Manager– 410-396-9928**

### ***WIA Updates***

**TEGL 29-01. Appropriate Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Identification of WIA Awards and Subawards; Financial Reporting of WIA Cluster Funds.** This notice notifies recipients and subrecipients of Department of Labor funds as to what Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA or Catalog) numbers apply to awards of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I funds and to discuss the treatment of WIA Cluster Funds. To download this notice, visit: [http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr\\_doc.asp?DOCN=1394](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.asp?DOCN=1394).

### ***Publications/Reports/Resources***

**Evaluation of the Transition to Comprehensive Youth Services Under the Workforce Investment Act (May 2002).** Prepared for the U.S. DOL, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Youth Opportunities by the Jobs for the Future and the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development, this report describes the factors or “enabling conditions” that have allowed innovative Youth Councils to develop a more comprehensive architecture for their local youth service system under WIA. ) To download this publication visit: [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/pdf/transition\\_2002.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/transition_2002.pdf).

**Creating a Formula for Success: Why English Language Learners are dropping out of school, and how to increase graduation rates.** Published by the Advocates for Children, download this report by visiting: <http://www.advocatesforchildren.org/pubs/formulaforchange.doc>.

**What Works: A Tool for Improving Services to Children and Youth.** Download this report published by Child Trends by visiting: [http://www.childtrends.org/whatworks\\_intro.asp](http://www.childtrends.org/whatworks_intro.asp)

### ***Funding Opportunities***

**ODEP Announces Grant Competition to Fund Model Demonstration Programs to Assist Youth with Disabilities.** The U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), will make up to five awards (\$350,000 to \$500,000) for Youth Model Demonstration Grants to help WIA-assisted youth programs develop their capacity to serve youth with disabilities. An announcement of the grant competition appeared in *The Federal Register*, June 26, 2002. The deadline to apply is August 12, 2002. Eligible applicants are local Workforce Investment Boards. More information on the grants appears on <http://www.usworkforce.org>.

### ***Websites***

**College Resources.** The U.S. Department of Education web site provides information on a number of topics related to preparing for and financing a college education. To access these materials, go to: <http://www.ed.gov/topics/topics.jsp?&top=Education+Resources> and click under 'Higher Education' (on the left hand side of the page).

**First-Generation College Students.** Information for practitioners about helping first-generation students prepare for and succeed in college can be found on: [http://collegeprep.okstate.edu/homepages.nsf/toc/first\\_generation](http://collegeprep.okstate.edu/homepages.nsf/toc/first_generation).

**Project Metamorphosis.** A curriculum developed at Louisiana State University for use with at-risk students particularly those involved with the juvenile justice system. Visit this website on: [www.Leeric.lsu.edu/slrc/links/corrections.htm](http://www.Leeric.lsu.edu/slrc/links/corrections.htm).

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### **Important Dates to Remember**

**July 9–11. Workforce Innovations 2002 Conference**, Nashville, Tennessee. Contact: Gardner Carrick 202-693-3689.

**July 20-26. Youth Opportunity Grants Leadership Institute**, Leesburg, Virginia. Contact: Karen David 202-822-6725.

**July 27-31. The National Urban League hosts its 2002 Annual Conference** in Los Angeles, California and its **Youth Summit from July 25 –29**. For registration information for the National Urban League 2002 Annual Conference, go to their web site at <http://www.nul.org/2002conf/>

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**September 7 -11. Youth Employment Summit**. Alexandria, Egypt. All participants at the Youth Employment Summit will be members of a Global Alliance for Youth Employment working collaboratively to address the youth employment challenge. To view the Summit Agenda and to register, go to <http://www.youthemploymentsummit.org/>.

**September 12 – 13. 4th Annual National PEPNet Institute**. Washington, DC. Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. Pre-conference session: September 11. Register online at: [http://www.nyec.org/pepnet\\_institute.htm](http://www.nyec.org/pepnet_institute.htm).

**September 23-26. YO! in the Studio Peer-to-Peer Workshop**. Memphis, TN. Youth Opportunity Grant staff will learn how to help young people develop skills in music production through a combination of content sessions and hands-on activities. For more information, contact Anne Stom, (202) 693-3377 or email: [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

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**We welcome your input.** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Anne Stom ([astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov); 202-693-3377); DeEtta Roberson-Carter ([Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov](mailto:Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov); 202- 693-3610) or Susan Rosenblum ([srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov); 202-693-3597).

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